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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-30, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Deaton et al (Hereinafter Deaton U.S. Patent 6, 611, 811.

As per claim 1, Deaton discloses means for transferring point of sale data for each item purchased in a transaction from a point of sale location to a predetermined remote computer using a receipt card having an account number encoded thereon comprising the steps of:

- a. means for entering point of sale data into a local terminal identifying an item purchased and the purchase price(see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58)
- b. means for entering/recording applicable unique transaction identification information;
- c. means for entering the receipt card account number;
- d. means for entering the remote computer identification;
- e. means for establishing a communications link with the remote computer; and
- f. means for transmitting the receipt card account transaction data to the remote computer. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 2, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering point of sale data into a local terminal includes scanning. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 3, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering point of sale data into a local terminal includes processing of Internet online purchases. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 4, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering point of sale data into a local terminal includes processing of telephone purchases utilizing the Public Switched Telephone Network. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

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As per claim 5, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering point of sale data into a local terminal includes processing of any means whereby the line item transaction data can be recorded and formatted for transmission to a remote computer. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 6, Deaton discloses 6. The means of claim 1 wherein said means of entering/recording applicable unique transaction identification information includes processing of retailer identification, transaction number, gross amount, taxes, other charges, date, and time(see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 7, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering the receipt card account number includes processing the receipt card through a card reader. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 8, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering the receipt card account number includes processing for transmitting said account number via the Internet. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 9, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering the receipt card account number includes processing for transmitting said account number via telephone using the Public Switched Telephone Network. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 10, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering the receipt card account number includes processing for any means whereby the receipt card account number can be recorded and formatted for transmission to a remote computer. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 11, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering the remote computer information includes means for swiping the receipt card having the remote computer identification encoded thereon through a card reader. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 12, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering the remote computer address includes means for transmitting said remote computer identification via the Internet. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

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As per claim 13, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering the remote computer address includes means for transmitting said remote computer identification via telephone using the Public Switched Telephone Network. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 14, Deaton discloses wherein said means of entering the remote computer address includes processing for any means whereby the remote computer identification can be recorded and formatted for transmission to a remote computer. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 15, Deaton discloses a method of transferring point of sale data for each item purchased in a transaction from a point of sale location to a predetermined remote computer using a receipt card having an account number embossed thereon comprising the steps of:

- a. entering point of sale data into a local terminal identifying an item purchased and the purchase price(see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58)
- b. entering/recording applicable unique transaction identification information;
- c. entering the receipt card account number;
- d. entering the remote computer address;
- e. establishing a communications link with the remote computer; and
- f. transmitting the receipt card account transaction data to the remote computer. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 16, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering point of sale data into a local terminal includes scanning a UPC barcode. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 17, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering point of sale data into a local terminal includes online purchases via the Internet. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 18, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering point of sale data into a local terminal includes telephone purchases utilizing the Public Switched Telephone Network. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

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As per claim 19, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering point of sale data into a local terminal can be any means whereby the line item transaction data can be recorded and formatted for transmission to a remote computer. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 20, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering/recording applicable unique transaction identification information includes retailer identification, transaction number, gross amount, taxes, other charges, date, and time. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 21, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering the receipt card account number includes swiping said receipt card through a card reader. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 22, Deaton wherein said method of entering the receipt card account number includes transmitting said account number via the Internet. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 23, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering the receipt card account number includes transmitting said account number via telephone using the Public Switched Telephone Network. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 24, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering the receipt card account number includes any means whereby the receipt card account number can be recorded and formatted for transmission to a remote computer. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 25, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering the remote computer address includes swiping the receipt card having the remote computer identification encoded thereon through a card reader. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 26, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering the remote computer address includes transmitting said remote computer identification via the Internet. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

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As per claim 27, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering the remote computer address includes transmitting said remote computer identification via telephone using the Public Switched Telephone Network. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 28, Deaton discloses wherein said method of entering the remote computer address includes any means whereby the remote computer identification can be recorded and formatted for transmission to a remote computer. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 29, Deaton discloses a receipt card having an account number and remote electronic storage information encoded thereon providing access to a remote electronic storage media whereby retailers can query said data using the information encoded on said receipt card. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

As per claim 30, Deaton discloses a receipt card having an account number and remote electronic storage information encoded thereon providing access to a remote electronic storage media whereby the receipt card account holder having Internet access capabilities can access the transaction data. (see column 7-143 lines 1-67 and column 189 lines 1-58).

Conclusion

3. The prior art of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicants disclosure.

Liddy Eder (US Patent 6, 026, 388) teaches user interface and other enhancements for natural language information retrieval system and method.

Kohorn US PATENT: 5, 508, 731) teaches generation of enlarged participatory broadcast audience.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clement B Graham whose telephone number is 703-305-1874. The examiner can normally be reached on 7am to 5pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on 703-308-0505. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-8300 for regular communications and 703-305-0040 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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August 30, 2006


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